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1. IN CONSIDERING REF QUESTION, SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND.

A. AFTER 3 YEARS OF A HIGHLY POLITICIZED ENVIRONMENT UNDER ALLENDE, CHILEANS ARE TIRED OF POLITICS AND POLITICIANS OF ALL TYPES. ALTHOUGH THIS PROBABLY WILL CHANGE IN TIME, THE BULK OF CHILEANS, INCLUDING THE MILITARY, DO NOT APPEAR READY FOR A RETURN OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED POLITICAL RECESS. PART OF THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT'S IDEOLOGY IS, THAT THE FAILURES OF THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM AND OF THE POLITICIANS WAS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF CHAOS THAT FORCED THEIR INTERVENTION. AS THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING ADMINISTRATION TO THE OF U.O., THE MILITARY BLAME THE PDC FOR A LARGE RESPONSIBILITY IN SETTING SCENE FOR ADVENT OF MARXIST GOVERNMENT.

B. THE MILITARY APPEARS TO BE ENJOYING ITS ROLE IN THE NEW

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AND IS TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE WITH THE PDC. IN THIS REGARD, PINOCHET REPORTEDLY HAS GIVEN GENERAL OSCAR BONILLA, MINISTER OF INERIOR, THE TASK OF "HARMONIZING" THE PDC WITH THE GOVT AND SAYING THAT BONILLA'S OWN FUTURE DEPENDS ON HOW SUCCESSFUL HE WILL BE IN PREVENTING CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GOVT AND PDC.

3. PDC SOURCES, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE REPORTED THAT THERE IS LITTLE CONTACT AND DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVT, AND THAT BONILLA, DESPITE HIS FORMER CLOSE TIES WITH THE PDC FROM HIS TOUR AS PRESIDENT FREI'S AIDE DE CAMP, HAS NOT BEEN VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THERI DESIRES AND NEEDS. THE PDC'S AND FREI'S POSITIONS, HOWEVER, ARE TO AVOID FRICTION AND CONFRONTATION WITH THE JUNTA. NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE LEFT-WING ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PARTY WHO ARE NOT AS CONCERNED ABOUT COLLIDING WITH THE GOVT.

4. IN SUM, WHILE THE JUNTA MAY NOT BE HOSTILE TOWARD THE PDC AS YET, THE RELATIONS ARE SOMEWHAT STRAINED AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO FOR SOMETIME.

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